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Appln. No.

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Applicant

: Benjamin C. Huter et al.

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Title

HINGED SHORT CAGE FOR AN EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE

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Examiner

Truong, Kevin Thao

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MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF-PATENTS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER

TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated December 23, 2005, rejecting each of pending claims 1, 2, 5-10, 19-21 and 26-39.

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Notice of Appeal

A check in the amount of \$500 is enclosed herewith for the fee for this Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized, however, to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper has been enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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